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## Letter dated 20 October 2005 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for the consideration of the Fifth Committee, a letter dated 20 October 2005 from the Chairman of the Second Committee containing the recommendations of the Second Committee on the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (see annex).

*(Signed)* Jan **Eliasson**

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## Annex

### Letter dated 20 October 2005 from the Chairman of the Second Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly

Pursuant to decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 17th plenary meeting of its sixtieth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee, the Committee reviewed the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination,[1] in particular, chapter III, section C.1, entitled "Evaluation of linkages between headquarters and field activities: a review of best practices for poverty eradication in the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration", and section C.2, entitled "In-depth evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme". The Second Committee was in agreement with the recommendations made in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination. The following additional comments were made:

- It was observed that paragraph 137 was very important. It was noted with regret that the report did not treat in detail the issue of coordination between United Nations bodies and national Governments, which is of crucial importance in field activities. It was emphasized that in order to strengthen this coordination and, ultimately, linkages between headquarters and field activities, the United Nations programmes should be harmonized with the needs and priorities of national Governments.

- Also underlined was the importance of General Assembly resolution 59/250 of 22 December 2004 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, which should have received stronger acknowledgement by the Committee for Programme and Coordination as providing the basis for guidelines to the resident coordinator system.

(*Signed*) Aminu Bashir **Wali**
Chairman of the Second Committee

*Notes*

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/60/16).